MICROPROSE GET THE FORMULA RIGHT

Formula One Grand Prix (New entry, Number 1)

There'll be dancing in the streets of Gloucestershire tonight. MicroProse – and, in particular, the Tetbury-based British arm of the American simulation specialists – are very happy with the success of *Formula One Grand Prix*, and who can blame them?

Scott Johnson of their Quality Assurance Dept is certainly a happy man, saying: "We're very proud of the product. It was good fun to work on the game and it's actually one of the few we're still playing regularly throughout the company. We

***Formula One Grand Prix* – unsurpassed racing thrills'n'spills.**

thought that there was a decent-sized hole in the market for a good racing simulation with 3D graphics, and we weren't wrong. There were plenty of arcade driving games, but no up-to-date sim – *Indy 500* used to be the best racing game on the market, but that's quite old now, and *Formula One Grand Prix* beats it in every significant area.

So why has it taken so long for the game to come onto the market?

"Basically we spent a couple of months tidying up a few bugs we found after the game had been reviewed and was meant to hit the shops. We wanted to produce a good game with a long shelf life, which meant it was more important to get everything completely right than to hit the deadline we'd set ourselves."

FOOTBALL MANAGER MANAGES SECOND PLACE FOR CODIES

First Division Manager (Number 2)

Code Master's Richard Eddy's a happy man.

"Wow! number two, eh? We're very pleased," he enthused on hearing the news. "The football management genre is hugely popular but far too often exploited for a quick buck, so it's quite rare to get a management game that's quite as good as this one. we set ourselves the target of getting good graphics, good sound and every thing else that normally goes towards making a good game into our one – all too often these things are missed out of management games."

US Gold, Domark, Thalamus and Krisalis all have full-price management games coming out soon. Do you think you'll do another one?

"We may – if we can find a product which will improve upon this one, then there's always the possibility of a *First Division Manager* 2. We've no immediate plans though."

AMIGA POWER GALLUP CHARTS

AMIGA TOP 100

Exceptional ***** Nearly there **** Very good *** Has its moments ** Flawed * Dire

1 (NE) FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX MicroProse £34.99 *****
2 (9) FIRST DIVISION MANAGER Code Masters £7.99 **
3 (10) JIMMY WHITE'S WHIRLWIND SNOOKER Virgin £29.99 *****
4 (8) SCOOBY DOO AND SCRAPPY DOO Hi-Tec £7.99 *****
5 (1) WWF WRESTLEMANIA Ocean £25.99 **
6 (NE) JAMES POND GBH £7.99 ****
7 (NE) OPERATION THUNDERBOLT Hit Squad £7.99 ****
8 (2) BIRDS OF PREY Electronic Arts £34.99 ****
9 (NE) F-16 COMBAT PILOT Action 16 £9.99 ***
10 (6) POPULOUS 2 Electronic Arts £29.99 *****

11 (58) GHOULS AND GHOSTS Kixx £7.99 ***
12 (3) ROBOCOP 3 Ocean £25.99 ****
13 (4) JAMES POND 2 – ROBOCOD Millennium £25.99 ****
14 (19) WACKY RACES Hi-Tec Software £7.99 **
15 (18) INTERNATIONAL NINJA RABBITS Micro Value £7.99 ***
16 (5) THE NEW ZEALAND STORY Hit Squad £7.99 *****
17 (RE) ROBOCOP Hit Squad £7.99 ****
18 (NE) PAPERBOY Encore £7.99 **
19 (7) LOTUS TURBO CHALLENGE Gremlin Graphics £25.99 *****
20 (25) FANTASY WORLD DIZZY Code Masters £6.99 ****
21 (NE) UNTOUCHABLES Hit Squad £7.99 ****
22 (20) WORLD CRICKET Zeppelin £7.99***
23 (63) ULTIMATE GOLF GBH Gold £9.99 **
24 (RE) RICK DANGEROUS Kixx £7.99 **
25 (16) HEIMDALL Core Design £34.99 ****
26 (NE) ABANDONED PLACES Electronic Zoo £29.99 ****
27 (50) POPULOUS Star Performers £10.99 ****
28 (NE) FOOTBALL CRAZY CHALLENGE Anco £25.99 **
29 (12) LOMBARD RAC RALLY Hit Squad £7.99 ***
30 (35) ALTERED BEAST Hit Squad £7.99 **
31 (38) SHADOW OF THE BEAST Sizzlers £7.99 **
32 (21) BATMAN – THE MOVIE Hit Squad £7.99 ***
33 (NE) PGA TOUR + Electronic Arts £29.99 ***
34 (26) DIZZY COLLECTION Code Masters £24.99 ****
35 (80) WOLFCHILD Core Design £25.99 ***
36 (13) LEANDER Psygnosis £25.99 ****
37 (NE) GIANTS OF EUROPE Anco £7.99 **
38 (NE) TOYOTA CELICA RALLY GBH £7.99 ***
39 (15) ANOTHER WORLD Delphine/US Gold £25.99 *****
40 (27) DOUBLE DRAGON 2 Tronix £9.99 ***
41 (49) OH NO! MORE LEMMINGS Psygnosis £19.99 ***
42 (NE) LITTLE PUFF Code Masters £6.99 **
43 (NE) PGA COURSES Electronic Arts £14.99 **
44 (43) PRO BOXING Code Masters £7.99 *
45 (11) BUBBLE BOBBLE Hit Squad £7.99 ****
46 (NE) EDD THE DUCK Zeppelin £7.99 *
47 (29) CHASE HQ Hit Squad £7.99 *
48 (31) ALIEN BREED Team 17 £24.99***
49 (NE) ITALIA '90 Tronix £9.99 **
50 (NE) INTERNATIONAL ICE HOCKEY Zeppelin £7.99 *
51 (NE) A320 AIRBUS Thalion £35.99**
52 (23) RETURN TO EUROPE Anco £7.99 **
53 (NE) THE JETSONS Hi-Tec Software £12.99 *
54 (42) DRAGON NINJA Hit Squad £7.99 *
55 (41) KNIGHTMARE Mindscape £30.99 ***
56 (60) CRUISE FOR A CORPSE US Gold/Delphine £27.99 ****
57 (47) BOARD GENIUS Beau Jolly £29.99 ****
58 (40) SOCCER STARS COMPILATION Empire £25.99 ***
59 (RE) MONKEY ISLAND US Gold £25.99 *****
60 (14) MICROPROSE GOLF MicroProse £34.99 ****
61 (75) KNIGHTS OF THE SKY MicroProse £34.99 *****
62 (36) HEAD OVER HEELS Hit Squad £7.99 *****
63 (57) STUNT CAR RACER Kixx £7.99 ****
64 (51) FUNSCHOOL 4 (7-11) Europress Software £24.99 ***
65 (76) F-15 STRIKE EAGLE 2 MicroProse £29.99 ****
66 (33) NINJA COLLECTION Ocean £19.99 *
67 (28) TERMINATOR 2 Ocean £25.99 ***
68 (NE) VIDEOKID Gremlin Graphics £25.99 ***
69 (53) RENEGADE Hit Squad £7.99 ***
70 (64) MOONSTONE Mindscape £30.99 ***
71 (55) THE SIMPSONS Ocean £25.99 ***
72 (30) FIRST SAMURAI Mirrorsoft £30.99 *****
73 (22) MANCHESTER UNITED EUROPE Krisalis £25.99 *****
74 (39) BATTLE ISLE Ubi Soft £30.99 ****
75 (52) NINJA RABBITS Micro Value £6.99 **
76 (34) PGA TOUR GOLF Electronic Arts £25.99 *****
77 (62) ICE HOCKEY Pocket Power £2.99 **
78 (67) FULL CONTACT Team 17 £9.99 ***
79 (NE) R-TYPE Hit Squad £7.99 ***
80 (NE) 2 HOT 2 HANDLE Ocean £29.99 **
81 (98) NORTH AND SOUTH Digital Integration £7.99 ***
82 (44) X-OUT Kixx £7.99 *
83 (32) THE GODFATHER US Gold £30.99 **
84 (NE) COMBO RACER GBH £7.99 **
85 (RE) RUGBY THE WORLD CUP Domark £25.99 **
86 (RE) RAILROAD TYCOON Micro Prose £34.99 ***
87 (NE) HOME ALONE Accolade £24.99 *
88 (79) HIGHWAY PATROL Pocket Power £2.99 *
89 (NE) CHICAGO '90 Pocket Power £2.99 *
90 (NE) SECONDS OUT Pocket Power £2.99 **
91 (61) MEGA LO MANIA Mirrorsoft £30.99 *****
92 (81) LEMMINGS Psygnosis £25.55 ****
93 (72) NINJA WARIORS Tronix £9.99 ***
94 (65) POWERMONGER Electronic Arts £14.99 ***
95 (69) TURRICAN Kixx £7.99 **
96 (NE) IVANHOE Hit Squad £7.99 ***
97 (70) CALIFORNIA GAMES Kixx £7.99 **
98 (NE) CRICKET SIMULATOR Soundware International £24.99 **
99 (84) EYE OF THE BEHOLDER US Gold £30.99 *****
100 (89) RAINBOW COLLECTION Ocean £19.99*****

We figure you must have some idea how the charts work by now, so briefly: they're put together by Gallup, they mix budgies and full pricers together, games are rated in stars, and they're © ELSPA.

THE NAME'S POND – JAMES POND!

James Pond (New entry, No 6)

The reaction from Gremlin's budget team is "brill, brill, brill!" Erm, great. Anything else?

"Well," says Gremlin's Ian Richardson, "we knew that it would do well because of

***James Pond* – riding high on the coat-tails of *Robocod*.**

***Robocod* – the success of that will rub off onto *James Pond*. We knew that it was a good title when we licensed it for budget and compilation release from Millennium – until *Robocod* came out *James Pond* was the best title Millennium had – but we didn't know just how well the timing would work out. Our re-release of *Pond* while *Robocod* is still high in the charts has obviously helped a great deal. What's more, I guarantee we'll be at the top of the charts again next month when *Manchester United* and *Lotus Esprit Turbo Challenge* come out on budget too."**

OCEAN EXPECT A RARE SUCCESS

Operation Thunderbolt (New entry, number7)

Ocean's back in the top ten with this re-release of a game that did so well for them as a full price. It was seemingly no surprise to the ever-conlident Jo Cooke:

"It did very well for us as a full price game, so it's only to be expected that it would do well as a budget too. As a sequel to *Operation Wolf* it did amazingly well, actually – it went to number one, which hardly ever happens with a sequel."